

**Meeting Minutes, West Warwick Charter Review Commission
Wednesday, February 17, 2010 6:30PM
Place: Town Council Chambers, Town Hall
1170 Main Street West Warwick, RI**

- A. Meeting called to order by Commission Chairman Henseler at 6:33PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call-**

Members present:

Felix Appolonia	Sean Henseler
Frank Parente, Sr	Mark Bourget
Giovanni Calise	Brian Tucker
Ronald Nunes	Joseph Gardosik

Barbara Tabak- Late arrival

- D. Secretary determines a quorum is present. No audience members present.**

E. Motion made by Vice Chair Calise to waive to reading of the previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

F. Motion made by Ronald Nunes to accept previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Vice-Chair Calise. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

G. Discussion Article 4- 401- Commission discussion to retain current 5 ward system or change to no wards or 3 wards with 2 at-large Council Members. Motion made by Vice-Chair Calise to divide town into three wards and have 2 Council Members at-large. Second by Secretary Tucker. Roll call vote results:

Yes:	Ronald Nunes	Barbara Tabak
	Mark Bourget	Brian Tucker
	Giovanni Calise	Sean Henseler
	Joseph Gardosik	

No:	Felix Appolonia	Frank Parente, Sr.	Motion carries by 7-2 vote.
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H. Article 4- 401- Motion made by Mark Bourget to create term limits for Town Council members; (4) term limit for 2-year appointments (Council by ward) and (2) term limit for 4-year appointments (At-large Council). Motion Second by Ronald Nunes.

Roll call vote results:

Yes:	Ronald Nunes	Barbara Tabak
	Mark Bourget	Brian Tucker
	Giovanni Calise	Sean Henseler
	Joseph Gardosik	Frank Parente, Sr.

No:	Felix Appolonia	Motion carries by 8-1 vote.
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I. Article 402- No change

J. Article 403- A- Motion made by Ronald Nunes to change time for Council Representative to be absent without excuse from Town Council to (2) months, . Second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

K. Article 403-B- Motion made by Ronald Nunes to change Article to have special election take place if a Member leaves the Council for any reason for a time period more than (1) year and have Council appoint a committee to nominate a candidate to fill the seat with Council approval if remaining time is less than (1) year. Second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

L. Article 404- No change.

M. Language change to read "In the event the President or Vice-President resigns, dies or steps down from the position, the Council shall reorganize the officers.

N. Article 406- No change

O. Article 407- Commission will revisit at a future date.

P. Article 408- No change

Q. Commission will revisit when discussion of possible mayoral form of government takes place.

R. Article 501- No change

S. Article 502- Discussion whether Town budget and fiscal year should end approximately (90) days after state budget is closed. Further debate will take place after town Finance Director weighs in to see if change is viable.

T. Article 504- No change

U. Article 505- Chairman Henseler to check last sentence of article with regard to School Committee to verify compliance with state law.

V. Articles 506-509- No change

W. Articles 601-605 No change

X. Set agenda for upcoming meeting. Chairman Henseler to invite Finance Director Malcolm Moore to next meeting. Discussion of Articles 5-12.

Y. Motion to adjourn made by Secretary Tucker, second by Vice Chair Calise. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

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